

CHURCH RANCH PROPERTIES

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Church Ranch Properties as the 2016 winner of the Pioneer Award from the Jeffco EDC.

The Pioneer Award is given each year to a Jefferson County company that is a leader within its industry and has contributed significant and sustained growth to Jefferson County's economy.

Founded in 1869, Westminster-based Church Ranch Properties has decades of construction and finance experience. The company has filled a much-needed economic gap in the metro north area and continues to be actively engaged in high-quality development projects in cities such as Westminster, Arvada, Broomfield, and throughout Jefferson County.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Church Ranch Properties for this well-deserved recognition from the Jeffco EDC.

H.R. 1294, THE REDUCING DHS ACQUISITION COST GROWTH ACT

HON. MICHAEL T. MCCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. MCCAUL. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the cost estimate from the Congressional Budget Office regarding H.R. 1294. The cost estimate was not available at the time of the filing of the Committee report.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, March 22, 2017.

Hon. MICHAEL MCCAUL,
*Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 1294, the Reducing DHS Acquisition Cost Growth Act.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Mark Grabowicz.

Sincerely,

MARK P. HADLEY
(For Keith Hall).

Enclosure.

H.R. 1294—Reducing DHS Acquisition Cost Growth Act

H.R. 1294 would specify procedures to be followed by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) if it fails to meet certain timelines or other performance parameters for its major acquisition programs. Based on information from DHS, CBO estimates that the new administrative procedures would cost less than \$500,000 annually; such spending would be subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply. CBO estimates that enacting H.R. 1294 would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2028.

H.R. 1294 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mark Orabowicz. The estimate was approved by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

IN RECOGNITION OF FREDERIC B. PRESBREY

HON. WILLIAM R. KEATING

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. KEATING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Frederic B. Presbrey on the occasion of his retirement from the Housing Assistance Corporation in Hyannis, Massachusetts.

Frederic, or Rick as he is known to friends, family, and colleagues, founded the Housing Assistance Corporation in December of 1974 with the intention of finding and securing housing for those who need it most. Rick's advocacy has not only helped to create five shelter programs and 484 units of affordable housing across the Cape and Islands but led to the establishment of the Consumer Education Department. This department has been instrumental in educating first-time home buyers since 1990. In addition, Rick created the Housing Consumer Education Center to give Massachusetts residents access to housing counselors for vital information on buying, owning, developing or renting real estate. Further, Rick's astute leadership has led to the creation of over thirty programs and services aimed not only at helping individuals find housing but also to maintain secure, safe, and stable homes.

Rick has shaped how we on Cape Cod and in the Commonwealth view housing needs. He has personally worked with state, local, and federal officials and other community stakeholders to help resolve numerous housing concerns and has served as an invaluable resource for policymakers and home seekers alike.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Frederic B. Presbrey for his service and achievements on this occasion. I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing him a happy retirement and many more years of health and happiness.

DOWN RIVER EQUIPMENT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Down River Equipment for winning the 2016 Business Recognition Award from the Jeffco EDC.

For more than 30 years, Down River Equipment has been manufacturing and distributing a full line of high-quality river equipment including rafts, catarafts, inflatable kayaks, stand up paddleboards and canoes. Based in Wheat Ridge, Down River Equipment is known for their quality frames that are 100 percent made in Colorado along with their dry boxes, tables, pumps and a variety of cargo gear. Owned by sports enthusiasts and operated by an experienced and knowledgeable staff, the company is known for their craftsmanship and passion.

In particular, they specialize in custom fabrication, distribution and retail of equipment for all types of river adventures.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Down River Equipment for this well-deserved recognition from the Jeffco EDC.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF FALLEN MISSISSIPPI SOLDIER ARMY SERGEANT FIRST CLASS (SFC) CHRISTOPHER LEE ROBINSON

HON. TRENT KELLY

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 23, 2017

Mr. KELLY of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in memory of Army Sergeant First Class (SFC) Christopher Lee Robinson who paid the ultimate sacrifice while defending our nation on March 25, 2006, during Operation Enduring Freedom. SFC Robinson was wounded during an ambush in Helmand Province, Afghanistan. Master Sergeant Reese Robbins, a Pelahatchie resident, who was injured during the attack, accompanied Robinson's body back to the United States. SFC Robinson was the first Mississippi National Guard soldier to die in Afghanistan.

SFC Robinson was assigned to the 27th Battalion, 20th Special Forces Group, Mississippi Army National Guard, Jackson, Mississippi. SFC Robinson, a Madison County resident, joined the Army after graduating from Madison-Ridgeland High School in 1987. He followed in the footsteps of his father, George Robinson, who also served in the Army. SFC Robinson was previously deployed with his Special Forces unit to Haiti, Honduras and Panama among other countries.

"We once again are painfully reminded of the high cost of freedom," Major General (ret.) Harold Cross, Adjutant General of the Mississippi National Guard, said. "Chris was one of our state's and nation's finest, and he will be greatly missed."

He is survived by his wife, Tamara Robbins and their children Savannah and Patrick. "He just loved everything about military service," Tamara said. "He wanted to do something for our country. There was never a question about it. Our children are so proud of him."

SFC Robinson devoted his life to the safety of our nation. He will always be remembered for his service and deep love for family and friends.

"Chris consistently displayed bravery by volunteering for hard deployments and dangerous missions," said Sergeant Major (ret.) Mike Patterson, who served with SFC Robinson. "Chris had the ability to handle combat in a very deliberate way, yet remain compassionate for people and the unintended consequences of war thrust upon human beings."

The first sentence in The Creed of the Non-commissioned Officer, "No one is more professional than I", describes the level of competence and professionalism that Chris maintained throughout his life in and out of uniform.

As a Special Forces, Green Beret soldier, SFC Robinson was truly the best of the best.